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1. AS REPORTED REF A, THE FRG IS WAITING FOR SOME
SIGNAL OF WHAT THE U.S. PLANS ARE BEFORE TAKING A
POSITION ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA.

2. FRG ATTITUDES VIS-A-VIS JAMAICA APPEAR TO BE STILL
IN THE FORMULATIVE STAGES. BOTH THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND
ECONCOOPMIN APPRECIATE JAMAICA'S IMPORTANCE --
POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY -- TO THE WEST,
ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF HER ROLE IN THE NORTH-SOUTH
DIALOGUE AND AS A MAJOR COMMODITY PRODUCER. OUR CONTACT
IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, HOWEVER, SUGGESTS THAT THE WEST
MAY WISH CONSIDER ITS RESPONSE CAREFULLY, IN VIEW OF THE
GOJ'S APPARENT RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT IMF GUIDELINES AND
THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT'S OVERTURES TOWARD CUBA AND
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COMECON.

3. FRG IS ONLY MODESTLY ENGAGED IN THE CARIBBEAN IN
TERMS OF AID. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR DM 3 MILLION IN
1977 COMMITMENTS FOR JAMAICA AND ONLY DM 50 MILLION TOTAL
FOR ALL OF CENTRAL AMERICA. WHETHER FRG DECIDES TO STEP
UP ITS PRESENT ENGAGEMENT IN JAMAICA NOW DEPENDS IN LARGE

PART UPON WHAT FORM U.S. ASSISTANCE TAKES AND THE OUT-
LOOK FOR ECONOMIC REFORMS IN JAMAICA.

4. EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION OF U.S. POLICY ON
AID TO JAMAICA WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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